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LOUISVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH PHONING IN FALSE BOMB THREAT

- Call made to Louisville Metro Communications regarding bomb at airport

LOUISVILLE, KY - Logan Charles Silliman, age 21, of Louisville, was charged today in a federal criminal complaint for maliciously conveying false information concerning a bomb, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e), David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today.

According to an affidavit filed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), on July 24, 2007, at 2:07 p.m., Louisville Metro Safe Communications received a cellular telephone call at the 911 Communications Center from a male caller. The caller stated that he had been told by another male of Middle Eastern appearance that a bomb had been placed by a telephone in the airport.

According to the affidavit, the investigation revealed that the cellular telephone used to make the call to the 911 Communications Center had been stolen from the true owner's vehicle at approximately 2:00 p.m. on July 24, 2007.

Investigators were lead to Silliman after reviewing video surveillance tapes and information regarding a credit card purchase that took place immediately following the theft of

the cell phone. When questioned, Silliman admitted he stole the cell phone used to report the bomb at the airport, that he made the call, and that he knew the information regarding the bomb was false.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Bennett. It was investigated by the Louisville FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

The maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Silliman was released on a \$25,000 unsecured bond and ordered to appear for a preliminary hearing on August 3, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. before United States Magistrate Judge James D. Moyer, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

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